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Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, made the following announcement today:

I have accepted, with great reluctance, the resignation of Mr. John Blake as Staff Director of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

He has served the Committee admirably for the past ten months.

Mr. Blake has informed me that he is leaving to take advantage of a forthcoming opportunity that necessitates his having some time to prepare for it.

The Committee and I wish him well. Our relationship has been consistently constructive in our efforts to strengthen the American intelligence community.

I have nominated Robert Ruhl Simmons, 38, of Washington, D.C., to succeed Mr. Blake as Staff Director.

Mr. Simmons has served as the staff representative of Senator John Chafee (R-R.I.) for the past 6 months. Simmons served as a U.S. Army Intelligence Officer from 1965 to 1968, and with the CIA from 1969 to 1979. He is a graduate of Haverford College and Harvard University.

He is married to the former Edith Paffard of Sewickley,